

REMARKS

Claims 16-40 are pending. In claim 16, which replaces claim 1, "ureido" has been replaced with "amido" to correct an obvious error as discussed below. As for the remaining claims, support for these claims can be found in the original specification and claims. No new matter has been added. Applicants now await an action on the merits.

Applicants note that they have corrected an obvious error in the claims. Claim 1, at line 17, recites that R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 each independently can be a C_1 - C_4 aminoalkyl radical wherein the amine may be protected with an "ureido" group. This description is not entirely correct because the amine of the aminoalkyl radical is actually protected as a ureido group, rather than with a ureido group.

A ureido group has the formula $-NHCONH_2$. When R_2 , for example, represents a C_1 - C_4 aminoalkyl radical wherein the amine is protected as a ureido group, the protected amine corresponds to the following formula: $-NR_1-C_1-C_4Alk-NHCONH_2$. Thus, the amine of the C_1 - C_4 aminoalkyl radical is protected with an amido group, *i.e.*, $-CONH_2$, and the protected group corresponds to a ureido radical, *i.e.*, $-NHCONH_2$.

Accordingly, Applicants intend to correct the present specification and have corrected this obvious error in claim 16 (replaces claim 1), in claim 32 (replaces claim 14), and in claim 38 (replaces claim 15). The skilled artisan would have realized that the terminology "protected with a ureido group" should have been recited "protected as an ureido group," or alternatively "protected with an amido group." In order to remain

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consistent with the "protected with" language recited in the specification and claims, Applicants have replaced "ureido" with "amido." Because one of ordinary skill in the art would have realized the existence of this error in claim 1 and specification, along with the appropriate correction, the provisos in new claims 16, 32 and 38 regarding the "amido" group do not constitute new matter. See *M.P.E.P.* § 2163.07.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Preliminary Amendment and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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